

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON CURRICULUM (UCOC)

MINUTES

(Addendum to March 4, 2015, Minutes)

May 20, 2015

--email vote--

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. Interdisciplinary Minors, Composed of New General Education Courses. A President and Provost Initiative. (Robin Romans, Associate Provost)

Associate Provost Robin Romans proposed an interdisciplinary minor series concept at the March 4, 2015, UCOC meeting:

I. NEW BUSINESS

A. Interdisciplinary Minors (Robin Romans, Associate Provost)

DISCUSSED, Robin Romans said that he would like to use the new General Education courses to build interdisciplinary minors, built around the classics, and/or various themes, with a culminating experience of a capstone. He would like to present this minor from an interdisciplinary unit, such as the Academy for Polymathic Society.

UCOC members stated their support of the idea and welcomed Romans' submission of the new minor(s). Currently there is no policy against the new General Education (GE) courses being allowed to be used in a minor. Brian Head and Kristine Moe said that there were at least two minors that had already been approved with a new GE course included. Geoff Shiflett said that it would be better for the minor to be submitted through an existing department.

Catalogue copy for the new President and Provost initiative minor was submitted to the Curriculum Coordination Office (CCO) at the beginning of May. Curriculum Coordinator Kristine Moe realized that the current rule for minors had not been addressed when UCOC expressed support of creating a series of minors, composed of the new General Education courses: "16-units of a minor must be unique (i.e., not required to fulfill the student's major, another minor OR GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS)."

A clarification of the rule and a request for email review of the March 2015 Agenda Item was sent out on Wednesday, May 13, 2015. By May 20, 2015, five out of eight voting members responded in favor of allowing the interdisciplinary minors (a President-Provost initiative), composed of multiple GEs, as an exception to the rule:

(4) Students must take at ~~least four courses~~ (at least 16 units)-which are unique to the minor (i.e., not required to fulfill the student's major, another minor or general education requirements). (<http://catalogue.usc.edu/undergraduate/grad-req/#minors>).

→APPROVED by a quorum of five

Members Who Voted

Diane Badame
Steven Bucher
Brian Head
Susan Metros
Geoffrey Shiflett

Members Who Did Not Vote

Gene Bickers
Thomas Cummings (Chair)
Judy Garner

Non-Voting

Kristine Moe (Support Staff)
Robert Morley
Mark Todd